

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE  
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC OPERATIONS**

**District Export Council Nomination Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Commerce is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals wishing to serve as a member of one of the fifty-nine District Export Councils (DECs) nationwide. The DECs are closely affiliated with the U.S. Export Assistance Centers of the U.S. Commercial Service. DECs combine the energies of more than 1,500 exporters and export service providers who promote U.S. exports and volunteer at their own expense. DECs sponsor and participate in numerous trade promotion activities, as well as supply specialized expertise to small and medium-sized businesses that are interested in exporting.

Selection Process and Membership Criteria

About half of the approximately 30 positions on each of the 59 DECs are open for nominations for the four-year term that begins on January 1, 2006 and ends on December 31, 2009. Nominees are recommended by the local U.S. Export Assistance Center Director, in consultation with the DEC and other local export promotion partners. After a review process, nominees are selected and appointed to a DEC by the Secretary of Commerce.

Each DEC is interested in nominating highly motivated people. Appointment is based upon: an individual's energetic leadership; position in the local business community; knowledge of day-to-day international operations; interest in export development; and willingness and ability to devote time to council activities. Members include exporters, export service providers, and others whose profession supports U.S. export promotion efforts.

Applications for nomination to a DEC must be received by the designated local USEAC representative by September 1, 2005.

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